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PROBABLE AMPHIBIOUS TANK ROUTE TO LANG VEI, KHE SANH AREA

The probable land and water route taken by the amphibious PT-76 tanks, which were employed by communist forces in taking the base at Lang Vei near Khe Sanh earlier this month, is now reflected in photography of the area,

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A road reported under construction, on from Laos Route 92 is complete and serviceable to the west bank of the Se Pone (river) at the Laos/South Vietnam border (Figure 1) and is outlined on an accompanying detailed map (Page 2). The last approximately three nm portion of the road was completed

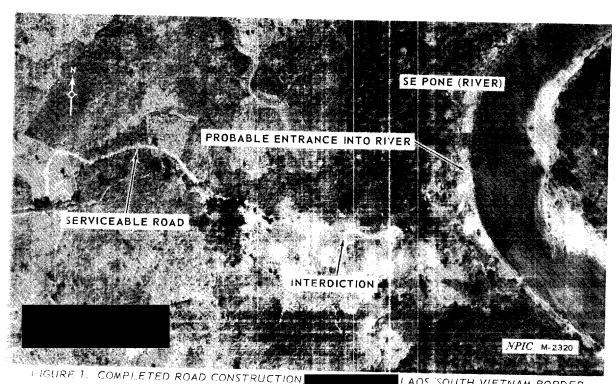
There is no evidence of a river crossing at this part of the border. Tracks indicate that vehicles navigated the river north about 0.9 nm (Figure 2), followed a previously existing trail

crossing at this part of the border. Tracks indicate that vehicles navigated the river north about 0.9 nm (Figure 2), followed a previously existing trail in South Vietnam about 3.4 nm, then re-entered the river. They continued north 2.3 nm, past a PT-76 tank observed in the water (Figure 3), to the north bank of the Se Pone (Figure 4). This part of the river is connected to the Lang Vei Compound by a heavily used, one nm, service road. A damaged/destroyed PT-76 tank and a probably disabled, unidentified tank are observed on this road. A second damaged/destroyed PT-76 tank is observed within the compound (Figure 5).

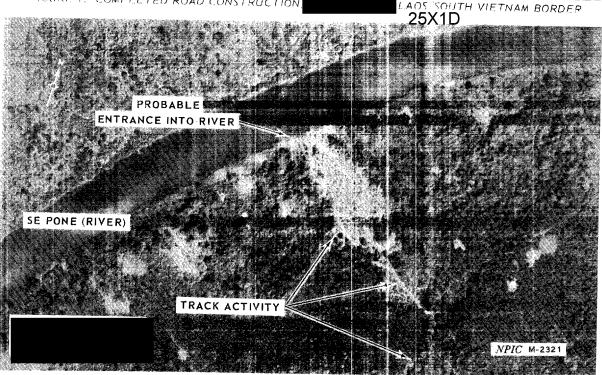
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FIGURE 2. TRACK ACTIVITY,

AOS/SOUTH VIETNAM BORDER

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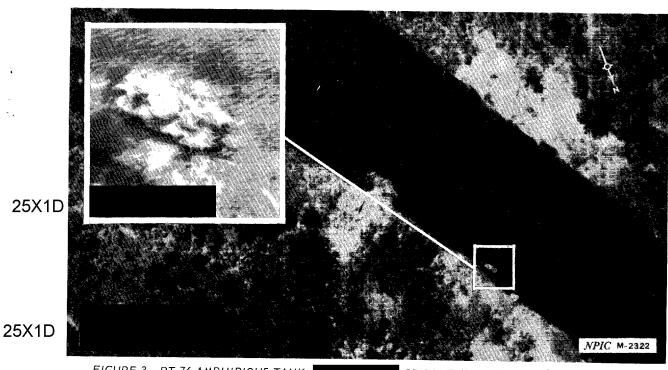


FIGURE 3. PT-76 AMPHIBIOUS TANK,

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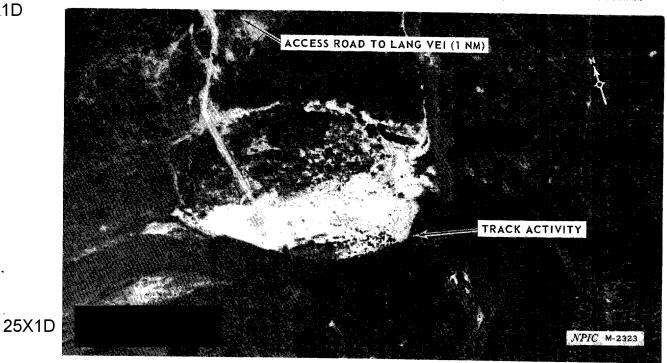


FIGURE 4. TRACK ACTIVITY,

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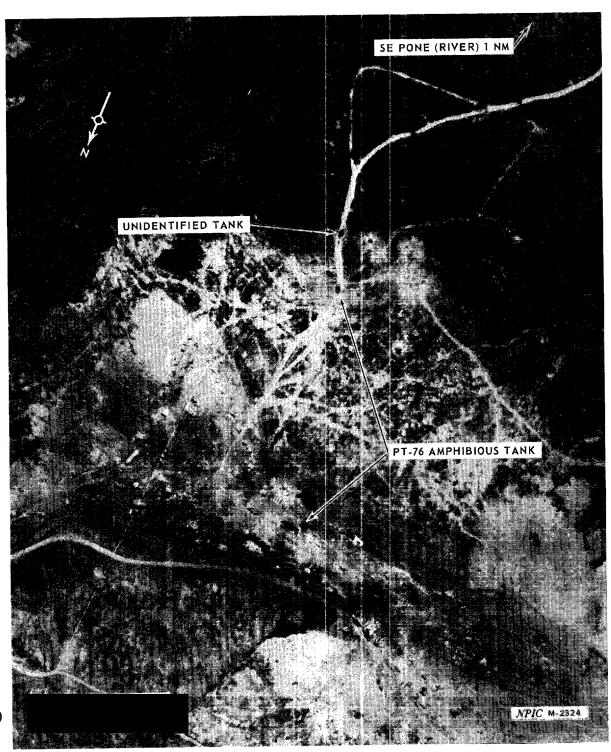
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FIGURE 5. DAMAGED/DESTROYED TANKS,

LANG VEI, SOUTH VIETNAM

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